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Re: WZAB(AM), Sweetwater, Florida
Facility Identification Number: 21763
Caron Broadcasting, Inc.
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 8, 2010, on behalf of Caron Broadcasting, Inc. ("CBI"). CBI requests special temporary authority ("STA") for operation of Station WZAB with its substantially adjusted daytime and nighttime directional antenna patterns.¹ In support of the request, CBI states that it is preparing to adjust the WZAB antenna patterns using Method of Moments ("MOM") modeling, and that it plans to file an application to convert the station's license to MOM proof of performance pursuant to Section 73.151(c).²

Our review indicates that, due to the derivation of new operating parameters via MOM analysis, neither the currently licensed antenna monitor readings nor the licensed monitor point field strength limits will necessarily be applicable to the proposed STA operation with MOM-derived operating parameters. STA will be granted as requested.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WZAB may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1 kilowatt daytime and 1.25 kilowatts nighttime also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the equipment modification and measurement work. Subsequent to completion of necessary equipment modifications and/or measurements, WZAB may operate with its substantially adjusted daytime and nighttime directional antenna systems pending the filing and processing of an application for modification of license supported by a MOM proof of performance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.151(c). Operating parameters shall be maintained as specified in the request³. It will be necessary to reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CBI must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from

¹WZAB(AM) is licensed to operate on 880 kHz with 4 kilowatts day and 5 kilowatts night, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA-2-U).

² A similar request is granted today for co-located, diplexed Station WHIM.

³ Operating parameters shall be maintained within $\pm 5\%$ current ratios and $\pm 3^\circ$ phase of the MOM-derived operating parameters, which shall be posted with the station license along with a copy of this letter.

exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **June 10, 2011**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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Media Bureau

cc: Caron Broadcasting, Inc.